

### In the Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings.

1. (Original) A method of embedding voice data in a computing system, the method comprising:
  - detecting a record event;
  - detecting if a software application currently running on the computing system is voice-aware;
  - if the software application is voice-aware, embedding the voice data within associated data in the software application; and
  - if the application is not voice-aware, triggering a voice note application to record and store the voice data.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein detecting a record event comprises detecting activation of a hardware record button.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein detecting a record event comprises detecting activation of a software record button.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein detecting if a software application comprises detecting if a top-level software application is voice-aware.
5. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising:
  - after said act of detecting a record event, recording voice data.
6. (Original) A method according to claim 5 further comprising:
  - after said act of recording, buffering voice data.
7. (Original) A method according to claim 5 further comprising:
  - after said act of recording voice data, detecting whether a memory size of the voice data exceeds a maximum memory size.

8. (Cancelled)
9. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said act of embedding comprises providing an indication to the user that a voice note is embedded.
10. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising:  
after said act of embedding, locking a connection to the software application.
11. (Original) A method according to claim 10 further comprising:  
after said act of locking, communicating a status to the software application.
12. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising:  
before said act of embedding, receiving recording specifications from the software application.
13. (Original) A method according to claim 12 further comprising:  
after said act of receiving recording specifications, modifying a user interface of the software application.
14. (Original) A computer program product readable by a computing system and encoding instructions for a computer process for embedding a voice note in a computing system, the computer process comprising:  
detecting a user activating a record button;  
detecting if a software application currently active on the computing system is voice-aware;  
if the software application is voice-aware, embedding the voice note within associated data in the software application; and  
if the application is not voice-aware, triggering a voice note application to record and store the voice note.

15. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 wherein detecting a user comprises detecting activation of a hardware record button.
16. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 wherein detecting a user comprises detecting activation of a software record button.
17. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 wherein detecting if a software application comprises detecting if a top-level software application is voice-aware.
18. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 further comprising:  
after said act of detecting a user, recording voice data.
19. (Original) A computer process according to claim 18 further comprising:  
after said act of recording, buffering the voice data.
20. (Original) A computer process according to claim 18 further comprising:  
after said act of recording voice data, detecting whether a memory size of the voice data exceeds a maximum memory size.
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 wherein said act of embedding comprises providing an indication to the user that the voice note is embedded.
23. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 further comprising:  
after said act of embedding, locking a connection to the software application.
24. (Original) A computer process according to claim 23 further comprising:  
after said act of locking, communicating a status to the software application.
25. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 further comprising:

before said act of embedding, receiving recording specifications from the software application.

26. (Original) A computer process according to claim 25 further comprising:  
after said act of receiving recording specifications, modifying a user interface of the software application.

27. (Original) A system for embedding voice data in a computing system, the system comprising:

a detect module that detects a record event;  
a top-level module that detects if a software application currently running on the computing system is voice-aware;  
an embed module that embeds the voice data within associated data in the software application, if the software application is voice-aware; and  
a trigger module that triggers a voice note application to record and store the voice data, if the application is not voice-aware.

28. (Original) A system according to claim 27 wherein the detect module detects activation of a hardware record button.

29. (Original) A system according to claim 27 wherein the detect module detects activation of a software record button.

30. (Original) A system according to claim 27 wherein the top-level module detects if a top-level software application is voice-aware.

31. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:  
a record module that records voice data.

32. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:  
a buffer module that buffers voice data.

33. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:  
a size module that detects whether a memory size of the voice data exceeds a maximum memory size.
34. (Cancelled)
35. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:  
an icon module that provides an indication to the user that a voice note is embedded.
36. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:  
a lock module that locks a connection to the software application.
37. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:  
a communication module that communicates a status to the software application.
38. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:  
a specifications module that receives recording specifications from the software application.
39. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:  
a modify module that modifies a user interface of the software application.
- 40-51. (Cancelled)